

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Sulfur Dioxide Milestone Report

Utah's State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze (the Plan) adopted by the Air Quality Board on September 3, 2008, requires that Utah cooperate with four other states and one city in producing an annual report to determine if the 2005-2007 average emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) from large industrial sources are less than the emissions milestone set in the Plan. The average emissions inventory for 2005-2007 is calculated by totaling all emissions from participating entities for each year, then averaging the three years of data. This number is then compared to the 2007 milestone set in the Plan. Oregon elected to cease participation in the program in 2006, and Oregon's emissions were removed from the 2005 emission inventory totals before determination of compliance with the 2007 milestone. The draft report for calendar year 2007 is now available for public comment at <http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Public-Interest/Public-Commen-Hearings/Pubrule.htm>.

The report shows that adjusted total emissions of SO₂ from large sources in the participating entities-- Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Albuquerque--declined slightly in 2007: that the average emissions for 2005-2007 were 280,279 tons; and that the milestone for 2007 is 422,194 tons under the original 2003 plans, and 420,637 tons under the revised plans. The report demonstrates that emissions in the participating entities are less than the milestone and have met the requirements of the Plan for 2007. Therefore, implementation of the backstop trading program, identified in the Plan, for sulfur dioxide is not triggered.

The Utah Division of Air Quality will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2009, in Room 201 at 168 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City, Utah. In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with special needs (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should contact Brooke Baker, Office of Human Resources at (801) 536-4412 (TDD 536-4414)

The comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2009. Comments postmarked on or before that date will be accepted. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to kkreykes@utah.gov or may be mailed to:

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